Malaria, TB, Leprosy, AIDS, Blindness, Cancer and Mental Disorders. Treatment including drugs are provided free under these programmes, Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana has been launched to establish institutions of the level of All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), New Delhi in six backward states and also to provide assistance to one institution each in six other states to upgrade their standards to the level of AIIMS. A community based universal health insurance scheme has also been introduced to provide health protection to the population with the focus on the poor.

Advertisements/offer of contraceptives

2069. PROF. SAIF-UD-DIN SOZ:Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that several NGOs have offered contraceptives or advice through electronic media during Navratri (religious singing and dancing festivals) and Gurbas;

(b) if so, the names of such NGOs and the TV/Radio Channels which carried such advertisements; and

(c) whether such advertisements are likely to adversely affect the youths?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Question does not arise.

(c) Not Applicable.' .

Substandard bottled water

†2070. SHRI MOTILAL VORA :Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that bottled water being sold by various companies is not in accordance with the international standards;

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto; and

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(c) by when Government would formulate a policy regarding drinking water so that nobody can play with the health of people?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) to (c) Standards of packaged drinking water prescribed under PFA Rules, 1955 are as per international standards prescribed by Codex. This product is being manufactured and sold under compulsory certification scheme of BIS. The product sold by various companies has to conform to the prescribed standards

Water has been excluded from the definition of food prescribed under PFA Act, 1954, so drinking water is not a subject matter of Ministry of Health.

Central Research Institute

†2071. SHRI MOTILAL VORA:Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Polio Vaccine being prepared by the Central Research Institute, Kasauli is only one fourth of the requirement of the country;

(b) if so, whether Government have received any suggestion to increase the production in this institute and to set up another similar institute for this purpose; and

(c) if so, what is the Government's reaction thereto and by when a final decision would be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) The Central Research Institute, Kasauli, Himachal Pradesh does not manufacture Polio Vaccine.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Anti-Retroviral Treatment

2072. SHRI A. VIJAYA RAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH \ND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any attempt to provide anti-retroviral (ARV) treatment to HIV infected persons;

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